

Request for Information

1. Please confirm that the Owner will be considered the Generator of all hazardous materials discovered that require abatement.

Contractor is responsible for the abatement of all hazardous materials identified in the plans and specifications. In the event that the contractor discovers hazardous material during the execution of this contract that have not been identified in the plans and specifications, the procedure is to report any material suspected to be hazardous to the Owner. The Owner will then determine if the material needs to be tested. If it does, the Owner will arrange and pay for testing.

2. Please confirm that the General Contractor warranty is 1-year and that subcontractor and supplier warranties will not extend this General Contractor Warranty. Sureties will not support General Contractor warranties in excess of 1-year.

FAR Clause 52.246-21 which will be included in this contract, states that the construction warranty is one year from the date of final acceptance of the work. In the specifications there are several equipment items or systems that have extended warranties required. The prime contractor has no requirement after one year if the extended warranties are all executed, in writing, for the benefit of the Government. (See 52.246-21(g)).

3. Paragraph 9.4.1 states that we are to prepare and submit to prior clients a Past Performance Questionnaire (Attachment C). We have an official Construction Contractor Appraisal Support System (CCASS) evaluation or copy of previously completed questionnaires for the majority of our projects. Additionally, many of our clients have stated that it is burdensome to repeatedly complete performance questionnaires for the same projects. Rather than requesting a new questionnaire (Attachment C) for this proposal, would it be acceptable to include a CCASS evaluation or copy of a previously completed questionnaire to the VA to satisfy the requirement of Tab 3 - Past Performance?

Please submit the past performance questionnaire as stated in the solicitation documents. If a past performance questionnaire was submitted on the last solicitation, another one does not need to be submitted.

4. Page 14 of 133 of the RFP states, "Provide a detailed explanation of how these requirements were met; to include, but not limited to project title, trades, dates, and provide a Point of Contact (POC) / Reference from someone other than bidding contractor (i.e. Client, Former Employer or Subcontractor)." This information will be difficult to obtain as some employees do not have references from previous employers and/or former clients. We respectfully request that this requirement be removed from the RFP.

If the employee does not have actual references for the projects, then provide the point of contact information from the project.

5. Is there a required format for the Subcontracting Plan for Tab 5 - Socio-Economic Concerns/Subcontracting Plan?

The subcontracting plan shall be in accordance with FAR 52.219-9(d).

6. Can you please confirm that Part 2 of Attachment A is only required to be provided one time?

Part 2 of Attachment A is only required to be provided one time.

7. Attachment A, Part 2 requires that each major subcontractor and/or Teaming Partner must also complete a Subcontractor Information and Consent Form; however, I did not see this form with the RFP files. Can the VA please provide the Subcontractor Information and Consent Form?

The major subcontractors and/or Teaming Partners do not need to submit a Subcontractor Information and Consent form.

8. Please confirm there was NO Bid Bond Form provided and the standard forms from carriers are acceptable or will there be a required form provided?

No bid bonds forms are provided with the solicitation; however, the form to be used is the Standard Form 24 which can be found on the internet.

9. Please confirm there are only Attachments "A", "C" and "D"? There is NO attachment "B"?

There is no Attachment B.

10. Sheet SB201 Key Note 4 and detail 2/SB201 calls for the new 6" concrete slab on grade to be part of deductive alternate #4. Is this correct?

Deductive Alternate #4 calls for all improvements at the auditorium to be omitted except for fire alarm, fire sprinkler and seismic anchorage/bracing. Therefore the new slab work described in keynote 4 and in detail 2 are omitted as part of Deductive Alternate #4. New slab work described in Keynote 5 is to be omitted as part of Deductive Alternate #4 as well.

11. So only 2 volumes now-Technical and Price, but where do we put the completed Attachment A documents? Or the additional offeror information (Part 2)?

Put all performance relevancy questionnaires shall be included in the technical volume under past performance

12. Section 7.2 page 8 of 133 noted 20 page limit for Technical volume – is that correct?

There are no page limits for the technical volume.

13. Are you wanting to see one TOC that is placed in both binders, or can each binder have its own TOC? Section 7.7 on page 8 of 133 noted having volume locations shown on the TOC.

Each volume will contain a "Table of Contents" for that volume.

14. Please advise if the VA can utilize the PPQ's submitted in the first response VA261-13-R-2411 so we are not requesting the similar information for our clients. We want to respect our references' time.

Any past performance questionnaire submitted directly to the VA on the prior solicitation will be maintained and used on this solicitation.

15. Please confirm that the Owner will sign transportation manifests for any hazardous material abatement that is necessary.

All transportation manifests for any hazardous materials will be signed by the certified abatement company.

16. We anticipate receiving subcontractor/vendor pricing up until the due date for the Building 24 project. Since we need to prepare our proposals ahead of time in order to meet the due date, would it be acceptable to include pricing (hand written) on the Original proposal only and NOT include the final price on the electronic version?

Yes, you may submit hand written pricing, and not include the pricing documents on the electronic version. The electronic version must have all non-price related documents included. The hard copy must be complete at the time of submission.